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Archbishop of Ribeirao Preto excommunicated/Delegado Renato

Ribeiro Soares and Assistant Delegado Miguel Lamano. In addition, Archbishop published in Archdiocese newspaper 7-page protest against police action. Protest was signed by 70 priests.

As result Dominican involvement with Marighella group, 3./ Cardinal Archbishop Rossi official note issued November 10

made point of distinguishing position Church from that of some members of clergy. He said Church could not approve violence from any quarter. He did not demand special treatment for ~~these~~ arrested clergymen but would demand for them, like any citizen, the observance of human rights and right of legal defense. He also said he was investigating to ascertain facts of case.

4. Arrest of the priests in Ribeirao Preto, followed by the ex-communication of police official and publication of manifesto by Archdiocese has increased tension between clergy and state in Sao Paulo. To date at least one Jesuit, some Benedictine priests and several secular priests as well as Dominicans have been

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involved in subversion according police press releases.

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